



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the citizens of our great Commonwealth benefit a positive economic environment that encourages business growth and employment opportunities through basic free market principles; and

WHEREAS, because of these principles, Virginia remains a national leader in job creation and prosperity, maintain low levels of unemployment, and continues to experience economic expansion; and

WHEREAS, we remain dedicated to creating long-term economic revitalization to all regions of the Commonwealth, embracing diversity in our business community, fully integrating technology into the way we do business, and preserving the economic well-being and safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Virginia businesses provide valuable work opportunities and often make beneficial contributions to the communities in which they operate, raising the overall quality of life for the Commonwealth's citizens; and

WHEREAS, over 3.8 million Virginians benefit from employment with these businesses, and additional job opportunities will continue to materialize in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, Business Appreciation Week increases public awareness of the valuable contributions that our existing business community makes to Virginia's economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize May 14-20, 2006 as **BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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Governor

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Secretary of the Commonwealth